

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at Page 1, Line 2 as follows:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.  
09/748,703, filed December 22, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,672,768, issued January  
6, 2004, which is based upon and claims priority to German Patent Application 199 63  
140.9 filed December 24, 1999, ~~which application is herein expressly incorporated by~~  
~~reference. The disclosures of both applications are incorporated herein by reference.~~